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DICK COLE



DICK
RISKS HIS LIFE
ON A MISSION OF
MERCY, BUT THE BOY
HE TRIES TO SAVE
IS TOO HOT
TO HANDLE!

ON SUMMER VACATION FROM
FARR MILITARY ACADEMY,
SIMBA KARND AND DICK COLE
CAMP OUT IN A REDWOOD
GROVE IN CALIFORNIA...

GREAT IDEA,
COMING OUT
HERE, DICK! IT'S
BEAUTIFUL!

ART BY
JIM WILCOX

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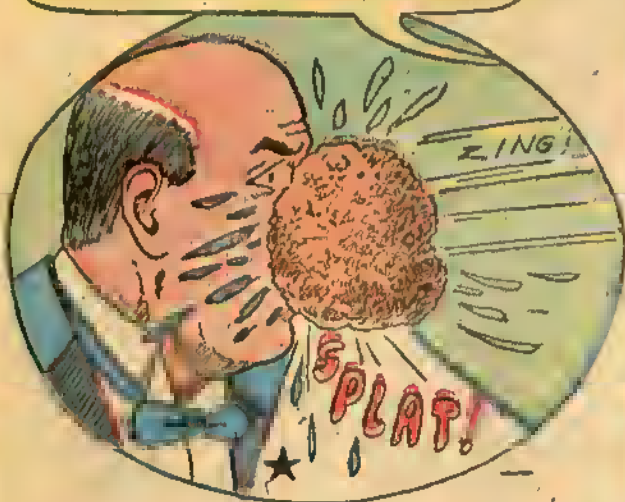
IN A MANSION SEVERAL MILES FROM THE GROVE,
LIVES WEALTHY YOUNG RANDOLPH GRAY...



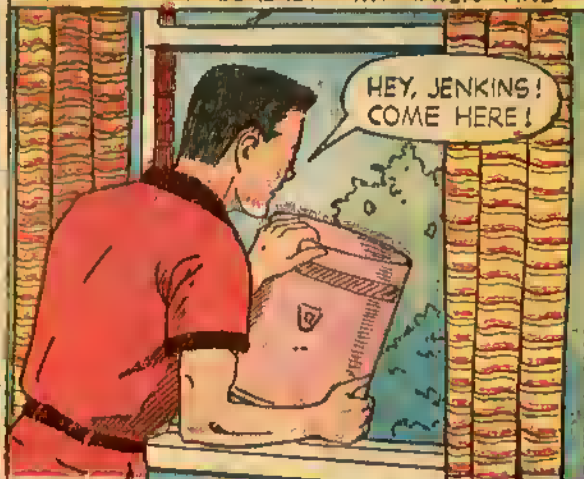
RANDY EXPRESSES HIS DISLIKE BY DIRECT
ACTION!



SO...TAKE ONE YOURSELF, MEADOWS!

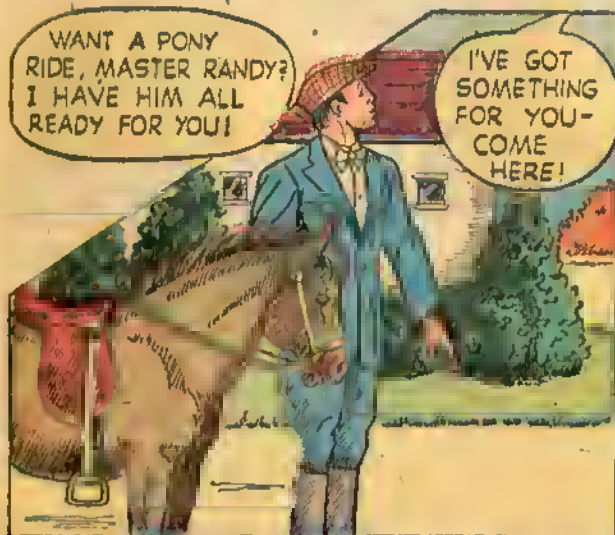


AS MEADOWS FLEES FROM THE ROOM, RANDY
FILLS THE WASTEBASKET WITH WATER -AND-



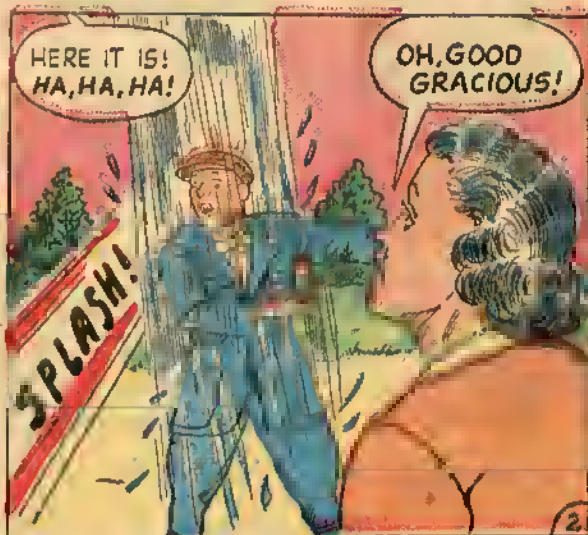
WANT A PONY
RIDE, MASTER RANDY?
I HAVE HIM ALL
READY FOR YOU!

I'VE GOT
SOMETHING
FOR YOU -
COME
HERE!



HERE IT IS!
HA, HA, HA!

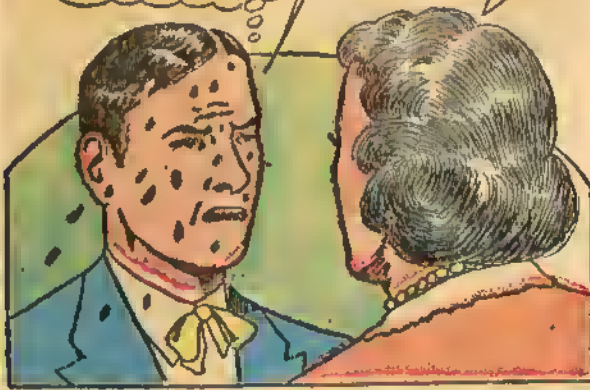
OH, GOOD
GRACIOUS!



MRS. GRAY, YA OUGHTA CLAMP DOWN ON THAT BOY BEFORE HE DOES SOMETHING SERIOUS!

OR BEFORE I BREAK HIS NECK!

NONSENSE!

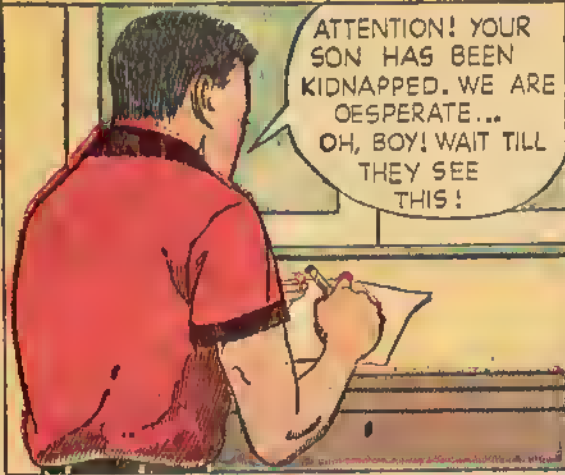


WE MUST ALL HUMOR MASTER RANDY'S LITTLE WHIMS. HE'S SUCH A DEAR, NERVOUS, SENSITIVE BOY!



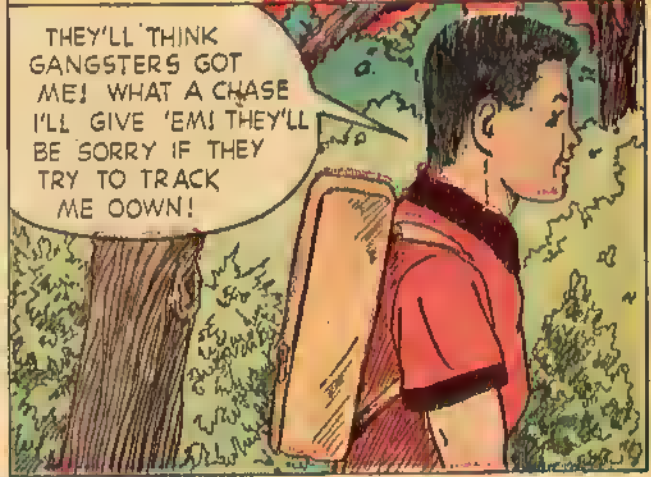
AND UPSTAIRS, BORED WITH MINOR PRANKS, RANDY RESOLVES TO CREATE A STIR...

ATTENTION! YOUR SON HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED. WE ARE DESPERATE... OH, BOY! WAIT TILL THEY SEE THIS!



LEAVING THE NOTE ON HIS DESK, RANDY SNEAKS OUT OF THE HOUSE AND AWAY...

THEY'LL THINK GANGSTERS GOT ME! WHAT A CHASE I'LL GIVE 'EM! THEY'LL BE SORRY IF THEY TRY TO TRACK ME DOWN!

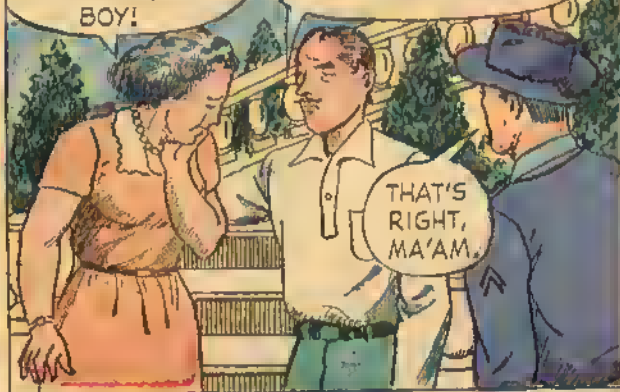


MEANWHILE, THE "KIDNAP" NOTE HAS BEEN FOUND AND THE POLICE SUMMONED.

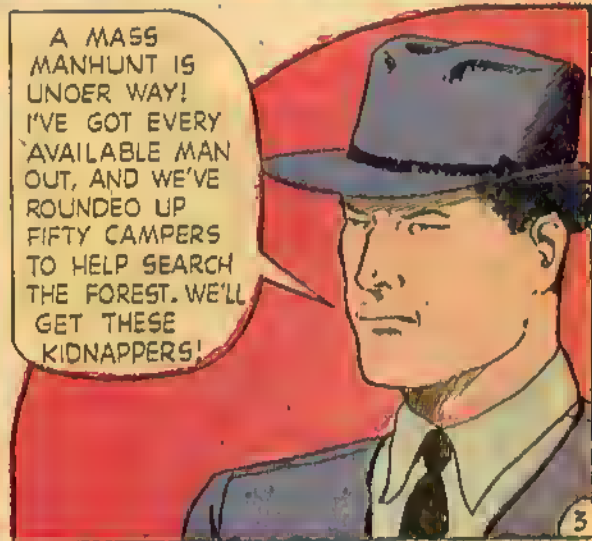
OH, MY POOR, HELPLESS, LITTLE BOY!

THE POLICE ARE DOING THEIR BEST, DEAR.

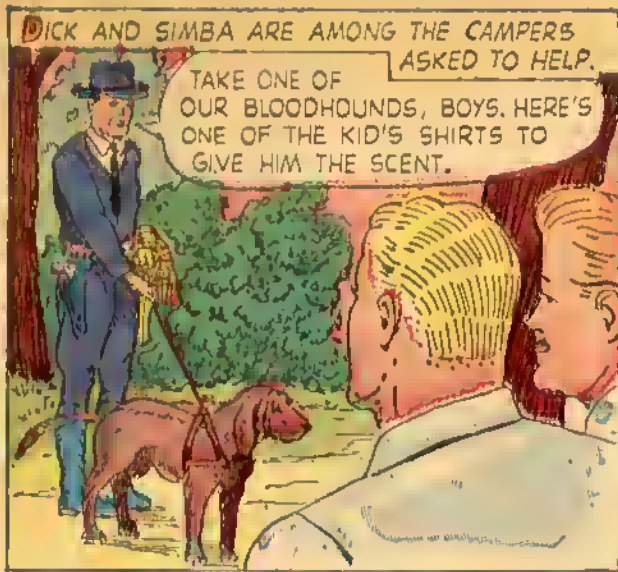
THAT'S RIGHT, MA'AM.



A MASS MANHUNT IS UNDER WAY! I'VE GOT EVERY AVAILABLE MAN OUT, AND WE'VE ROUNDED UP FIFTY CAMPERS TO HELP SEARCH THE FOREST. WE'LL GET THESE KIDNAPPERS!



Q 1 What do you call the price paid in redeeming a kidnapped person?

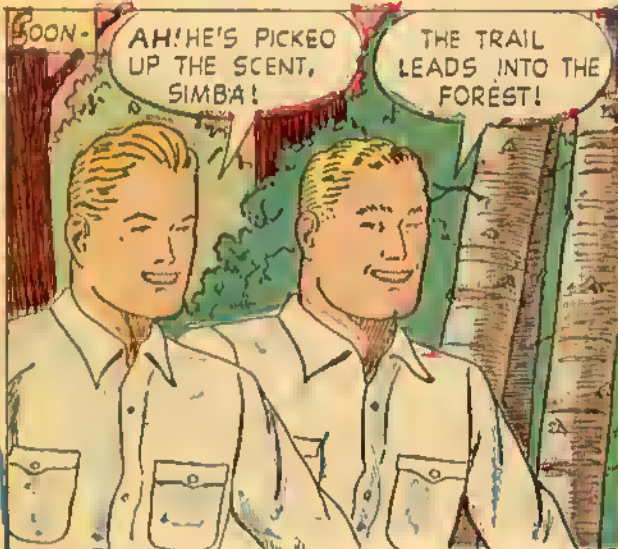


DICK AND SIMBA ARE AMONG THE CAMPERS
ASKED TO HELP.
TAKE ONE OF
OUR BLOODHOUNDS, BOYS. HERE'S
ONE OF THE KID'S SHIRTS TO
GIVE HIM THE SCENT.

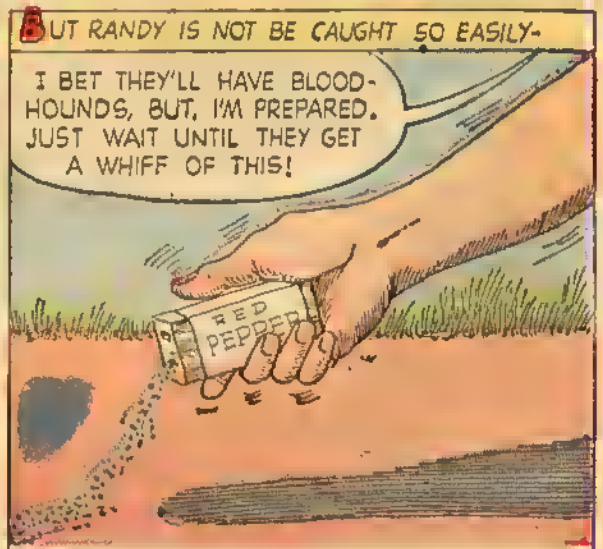


LET'S GET HIM,
POOCH!
IF YOU DO PICK UP THE
TRAIL, WATCH YOUR STEP.
THOSE KIDNAPPERS SOUND
TOUGH!

SNIFF
SNIFF



SOON-
AH! HE'S PICKED
UP THE SCENT,
SIMBA!
THE TRAIL
LEADS INTO THE
FOREST!



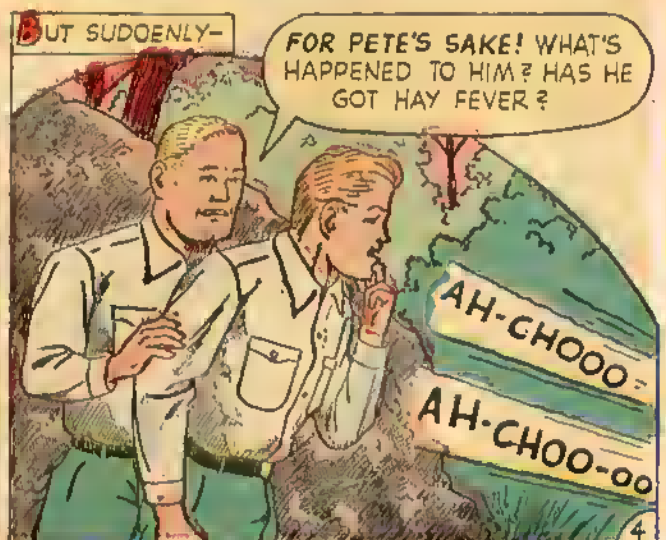
BUT RANDY IS NOT BE CAUGHT SO EASILY-
I BET THEY'LL HAVE BLOOD-
HOUNDS, BUT, I'M PREPARED.
JUST WAIT UNTIL THEY GET
A WHIFF OF THIS!

RED
PEPPER



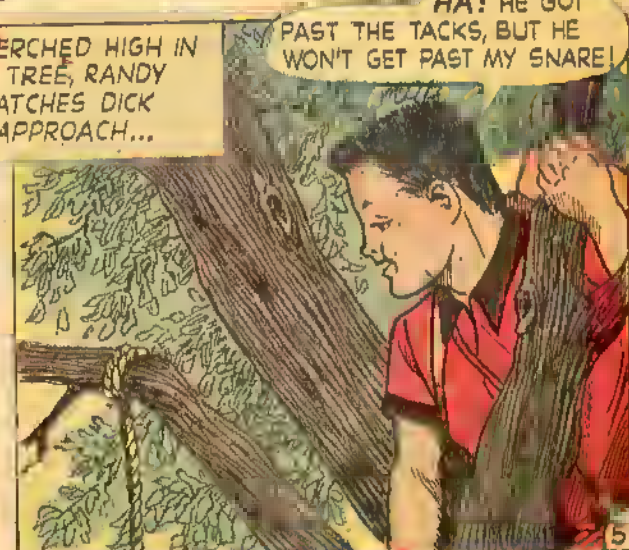
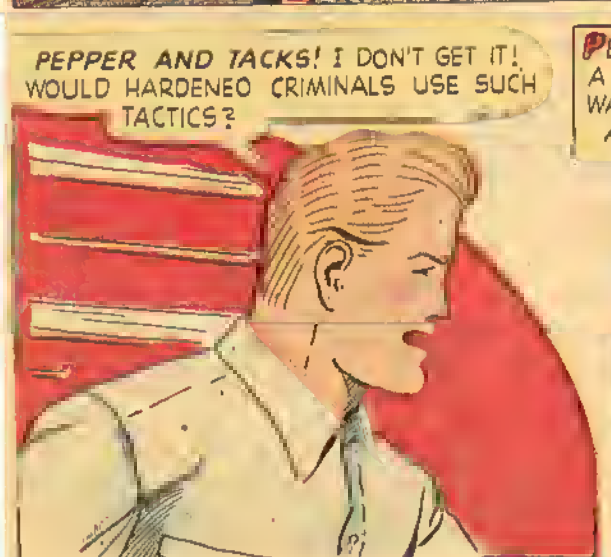
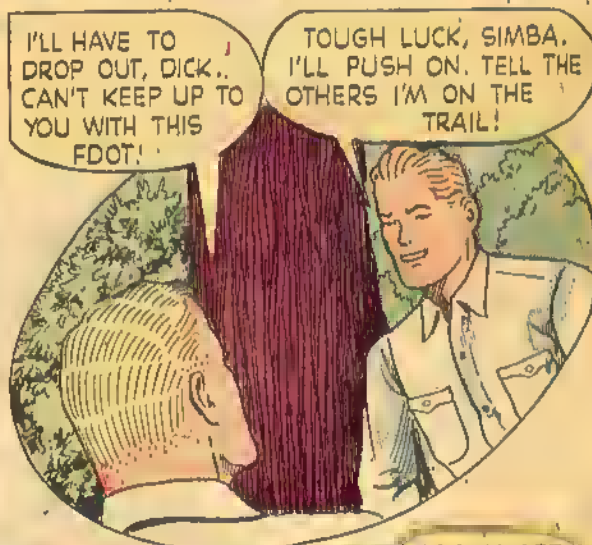
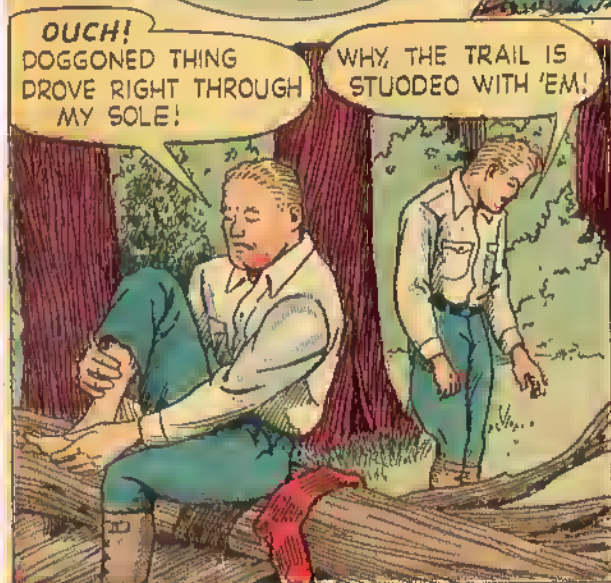
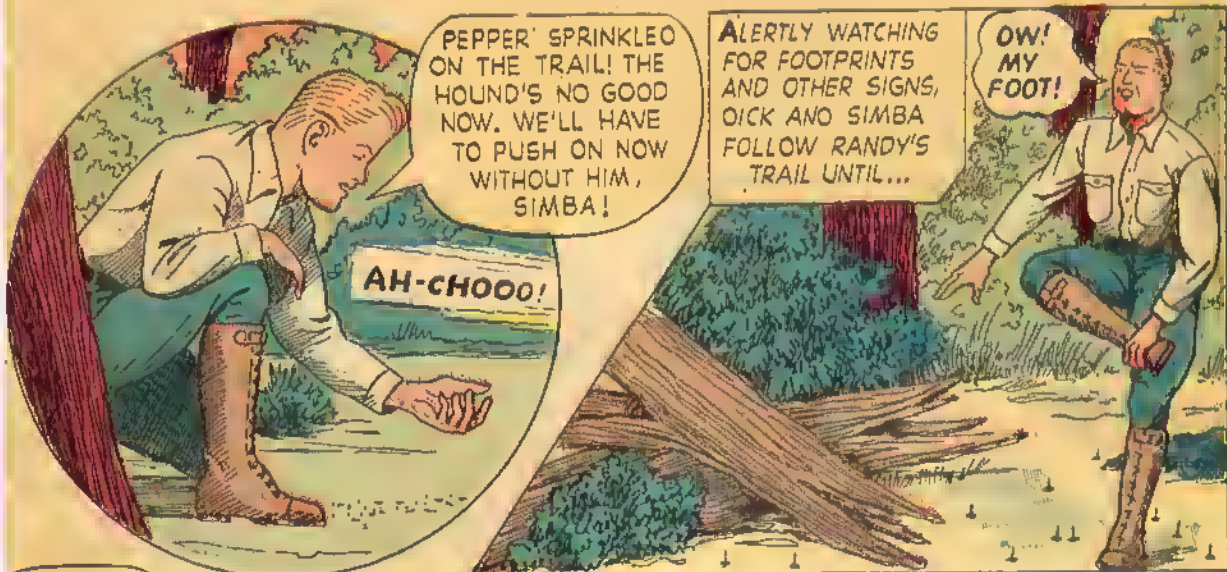
KEEP IT UP, BOY. WE'RE
MAKING GOOD TIME!

SNIFF
SNIFF



BUT SUDDEENLY-
FOR PETE'S SAKE! WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO HIM? HAS HE
GOT HAY FEVER?

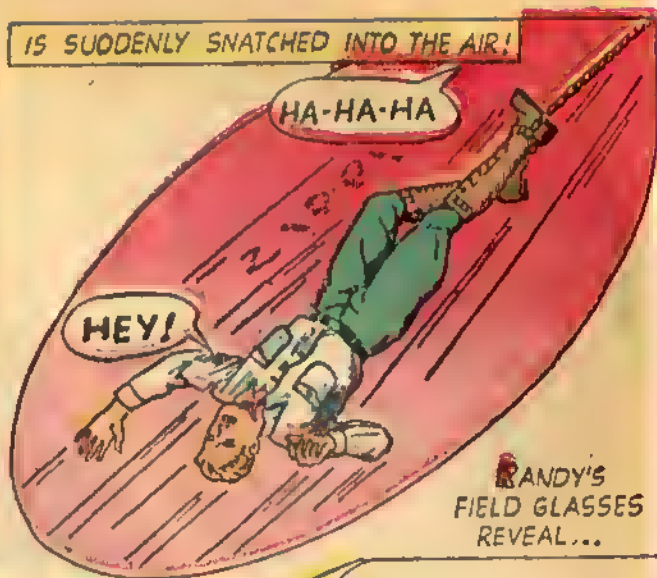
AH-CHOO-
AH-CHOO-oo



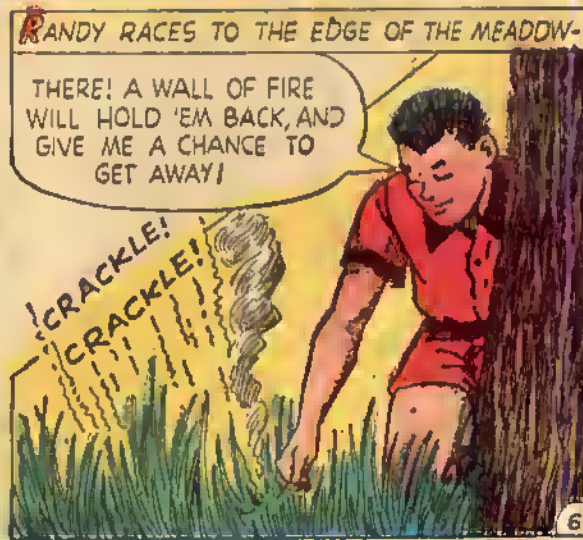
DICK STEPS INTO THE SNARE—AND...



IS SUDDENLY SNATCHED INTO THE AIR!



RANDY'S
FIELD GLASSES
REVEAL...



A 2 No! The Sequoia gigantea are the largest—sometimes confused with the smaller Redwoods.

BUT RANDY HAS OVERLOOKED THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND! A STRONG BREEZE FANS THE FLAMES INTO THE WOODS!



FIRE ON THREE SIDES! I GOTTA RUN FAST!



RANDY CASTS HIS KNAPSACK ASIDE AND RUNS!

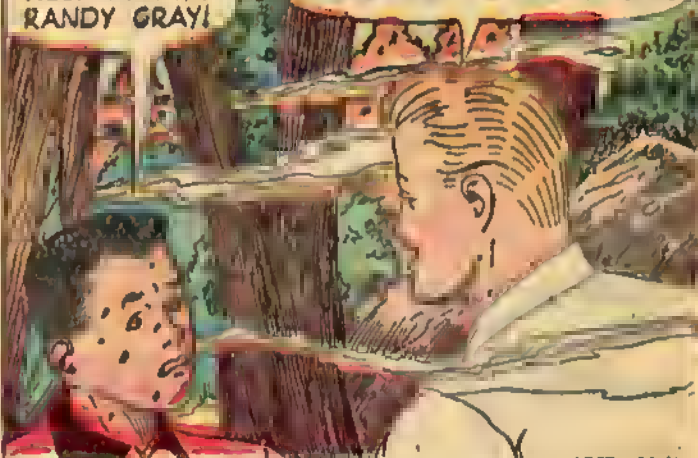
MEANWHILE, DICK'S TRAINING AS A GYMNAST COMES IN VERY HANDY.



IN HIS PANIC, RANDY RUNS IN A CIRCLE UNTIL...

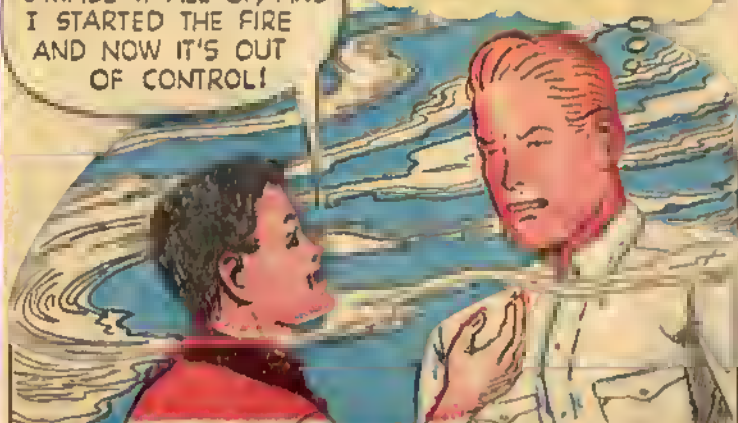
HELP ME! I'M RANDY GRAY!

WHERE ARE THE KIDNAPPERS?



THERE AREN'T ANY! I MADE IT ALL UP, AND I STARTED THE FIRE AND NOW IT'S OUT OF CONTROL!

WHEW! WHAT A BRAT! BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO BAWL HIM OUT NOW!

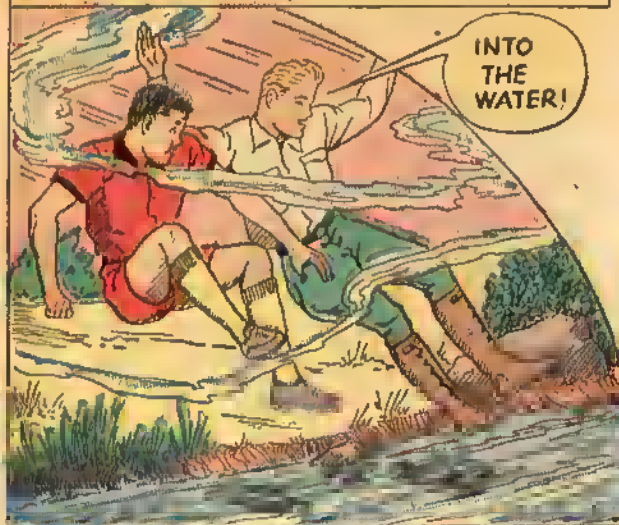


THERE'S FIRE ALL AROUND! WHAT'LL WE DO?

HEAD FOR THE OLD LUMBER MILL AHEAD. I THINK THERE'S A STREAM THERE.



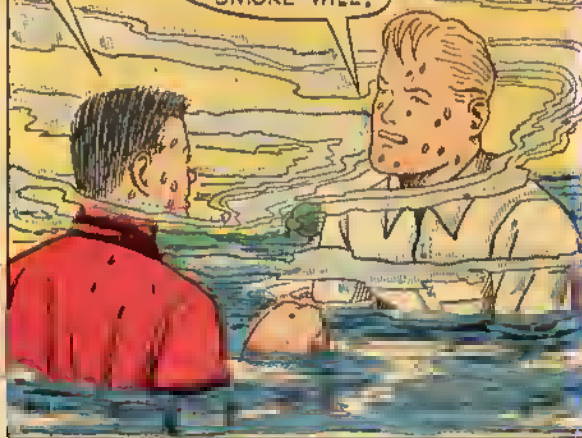
GASPING FOR BREATH, THEY REACH THE STREAM..



INTO THE WATER!

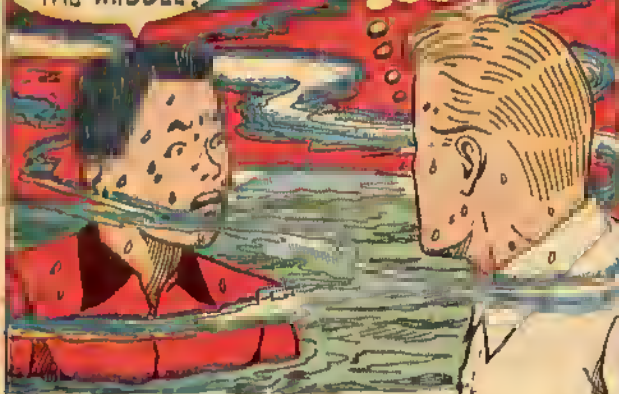
WE'RE SAFE NOW!

NO. ONCE THE FIRE CLOSES IN ON US THE HEAT'LL BOIL THIS WATER. IF THAT DOESN'T GET US THE SMOKE WILL!



ULP! THE FLAMES ARE GETTING CLOSER! WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE!

LET'S SEE.. REDWOODS ARE FIRE-RESISTANT. THAT'S ONE REASON THEY LAST SO LONG.

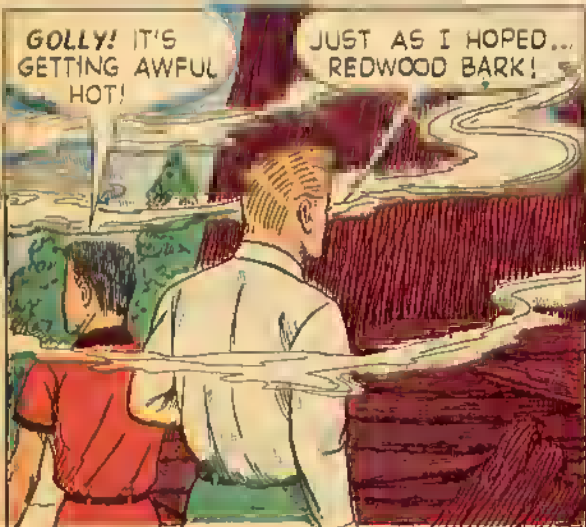


C'MON! WE'VE GOT TO ACT FAST! NOW THAT WE'RE SOAKED, WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEATING OFF THE FLAMES!



GOLLY! IT'S GETTING AWFUL HOT!

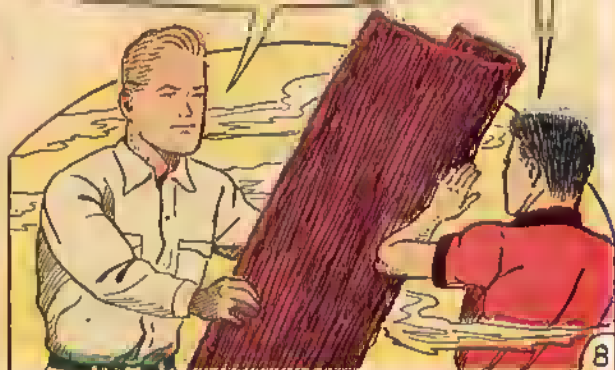
JUST AS I HOPED... REDWOOD BARK!



DICK PICKS UP ONE OF THE REDWOOD SLABS.

BEND THIS AROUND YOU, QUICK! WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO BREAK OUT OF HERE!

NO! I'M SCARED!



A 3 It's 272.4' tall and 36.5' in diameter at its base.

DON'T PULL ANY TANTRUMS ON ME! HOLD THIS IN PLACE, AND KEEP YOUR NERVE!

Y-YES, SIR!

WE'VE GOT A SLIM CHANCE TO BREAK THROUGH THE BELT OF FIRE, RANDY. THIS BARK SHOULD SHIELD US FROM THE FIRE AND HEAT!

NOW, LET'S GET GOING! MOVE AS FAST AS YOU CAN! WATCH OUT FOR FALLING TREES!

DESPERATELY, THE BOYS PLUNGE INTO THE INFERNO!

PROTECTED BY THE FIRE-RESISTANT BARK, THEY PICK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE CRASHING, FLAMING FOREST!

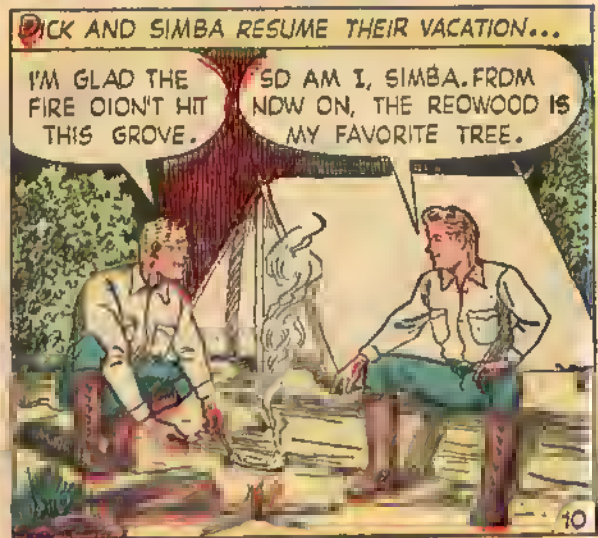
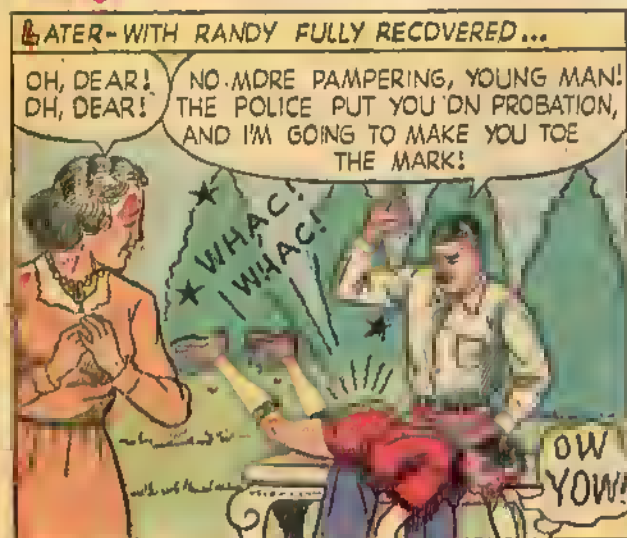
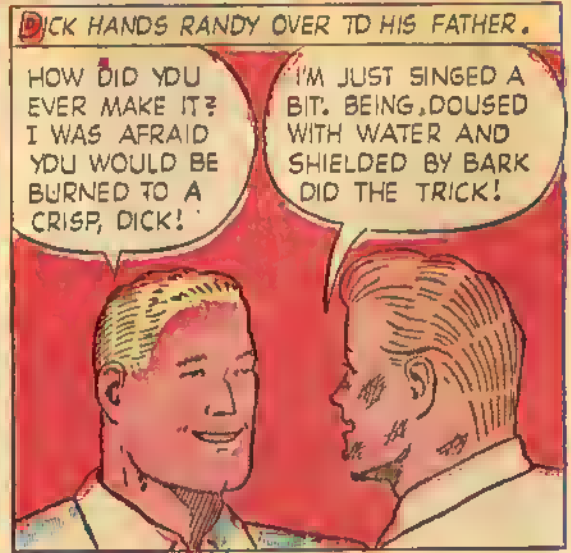
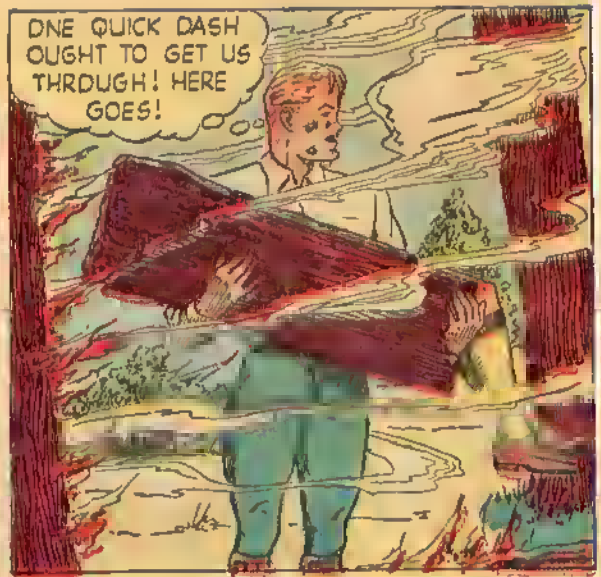
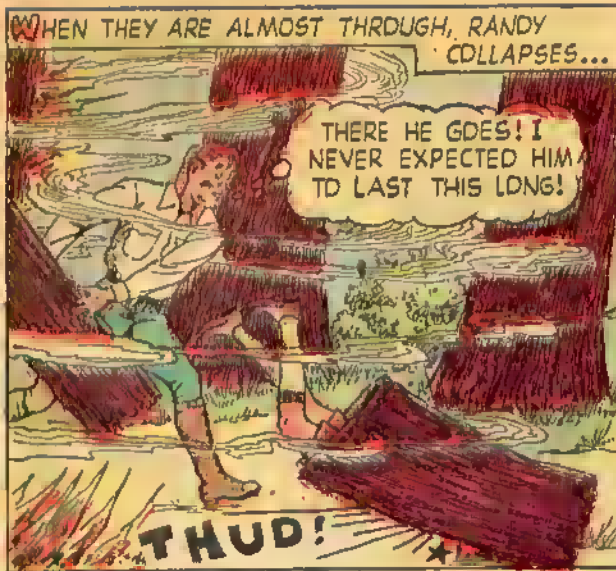
(COUGH!) OH...THE SMOKE! (KOFF-KOFF!) AND IT'S SO HOT! I'M GETTIN' DIZZY!

KEEP GOING, RANDY!

★ CRASH! ★

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Q 4 What great Italian poet wrote "The Divine Comedy," a classic poem about an inferno?





THE EDITORS WRITE:

What makes Americans such "all-around" people?

Well, we can easily see that our country offers a great many good influences toward the moulding of character and personality. Just look at the educational opportunities in America. With good education, a high standard of living, and the chance for competitive sports, why shouldn't we grow into well-rounded adults and good citizens?

What makes America such a great country?

That's easy to answer—the people do. We carry our early training into the adult world. Then we use the natural resources that this country possesses. What country, confronted with a crisis such as the recent world war, could have mobilized and converted in such rapid fashion! The whole world was amazed! It was all possible, basically because of the people.

We feel that Dick Cole, Edison Bell, and Blue Bolt are typically American, and we know you are. So play well during these remaining days of summer vacation so that you may be relaxed and ready to buckle down to some serious studying in the coming school year.

We hope you find Blue Bolt as interesting as the previous issues.

THE READERS WRITE:

Dear Editors:

I work at a newsstand and I sell many different types of magazines, but the minute we receive BLUE BOLT comics we are swamped with customers. I wish to congratulate you on your fine work. We are more than proud to sell this fine magazine to our customers.

Yours truly,
Louis Ferrero
Portland, Oregon

Dear Editors:

I have long been a follower of BLUE BOLT, and I personally think that it is one of the best on the newsstands. Your stories are interesting and not as far-fetched as most other publications. The illustrations are perfect and not eye-straining. I only hope that you continue to give us such wholesome entertainment.

Yours truly,
Samuel Majarian
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Dear Editors:

I have just finished your May-June issue of BLUE BOLT. I have read your book for many years and find it very amusing. I find it to be one of the main books I read. The May-June issue doesn't have "Edison Bell" in it. I like "Edison Bell" very much, and I like to make the things that are shown after each story. I have made the seascape and the turkey raft. I didn't know what I was

missing when I didn't make them all.

I sincerely wish and hope that you will continue your good work. Keep your faithful readers happy.

Yours truly,
Saylor Leighton
Buena Vista, Virginia

Dear Editors:

I have read many comics. In fact, reading comics is my hobby. Of all the comics I have read I choose BLUE BOLT as my favorite. "Edison Bell" is my first favorite story. He has very magnificent ideas, and as far as inventions are concerned he surely is super.

The "Questions and Answers" are my next favorite because they are extremely educational and very interesting. They helped me in school many a time. Last but not least, I like "Dick Cole." He is excellent.

So please continue publishing your swell comic. This means so much to me, and I'm sure they are enjoyed by everyone.

Respectfully yours,
Patricia McNulty
Brooklyn 20, New York

Dear Editors:

BLUE BOLT is the first comic I look for when I go to my favorite newsstand because it is the best comic on sale for me.

One thing I like about "Dick Cole" is that it is always based on some sport and there aren't many girls in the stories.

Another thing I like is the "Questions and Answers." They help in school and other places.

Some of my friends also like BLUE BOLT comic books.

Yours truly,
Richard Drinaneck
Thompsonville, Michigan

Dear Editors:

I think BLUE BOLT comics is super. I think the "Questions and Answers" on the bottom of the pages are a swell idea, and they are very interesting. The only thing wrong with this comic book is that some of the stories are too short. Otherwise, I think that it is one of the best comics ever published. I enjoy reading BLUE BOLT very much.

Yours truly,
Norma Kaufman
Cleveland, Ohio

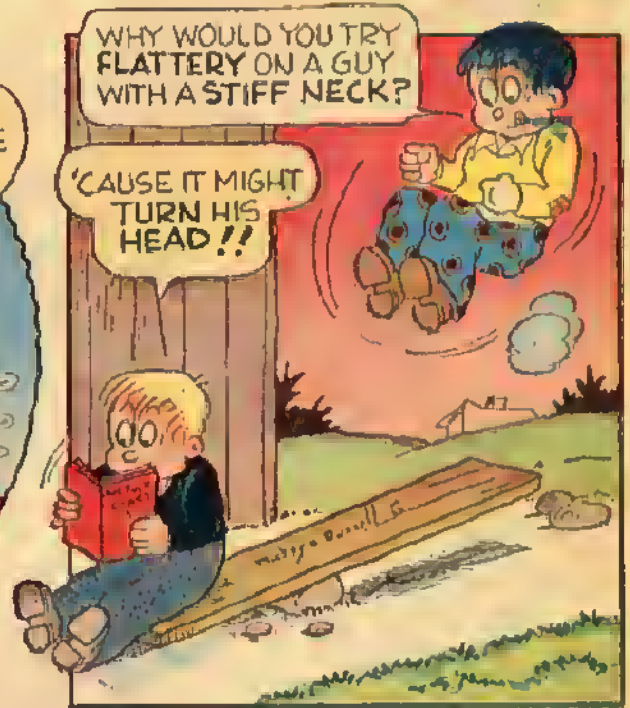
Dear Editors:

I have read many comics but none can compare to BLUE BOLT. It's not like some of the silly comics you see today.

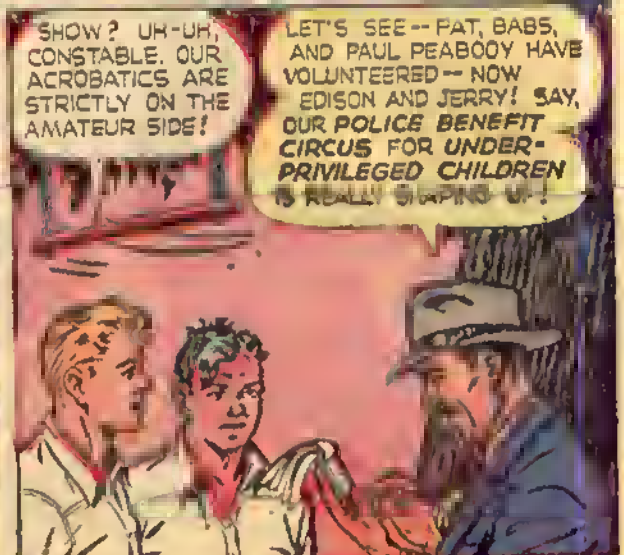
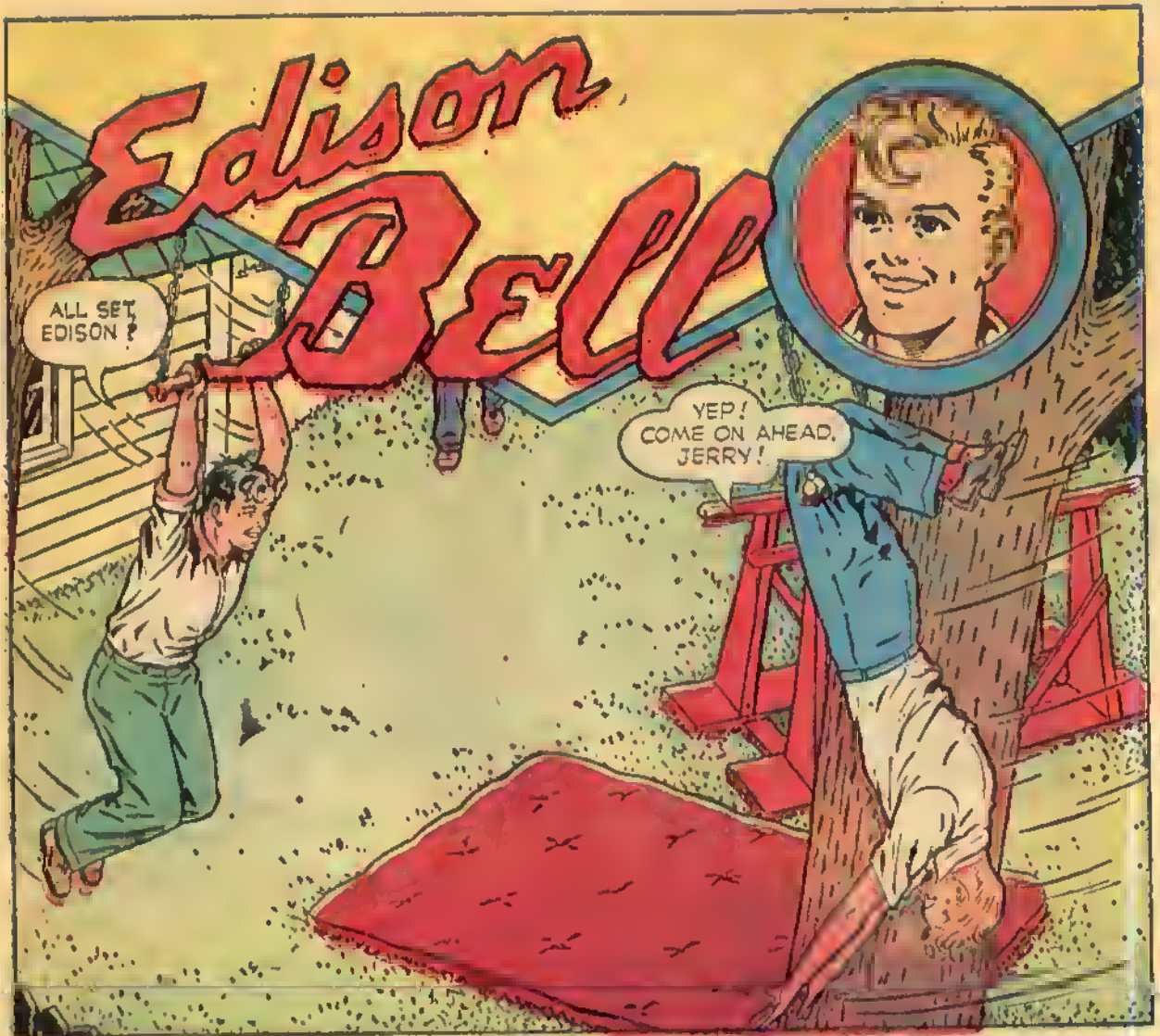
I've been reading BLUE BOLT ever since I was a little boy. I'm interested in sports and BLUE BOLT has the kind of sports I like. And most of all I like the way Dick Cole is so polite and such a good sport.

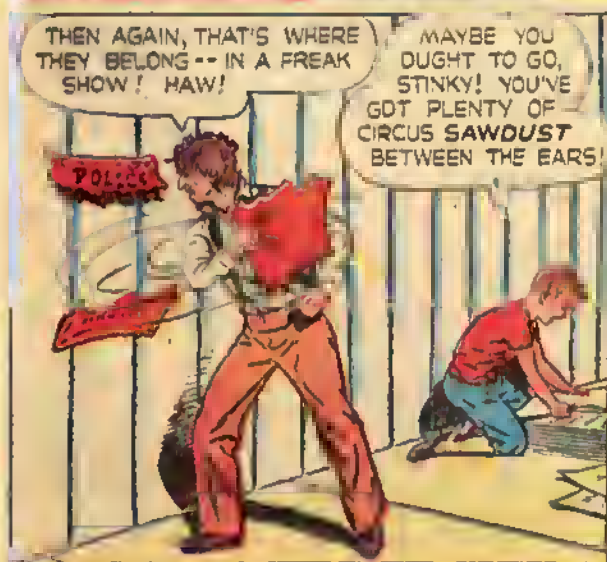
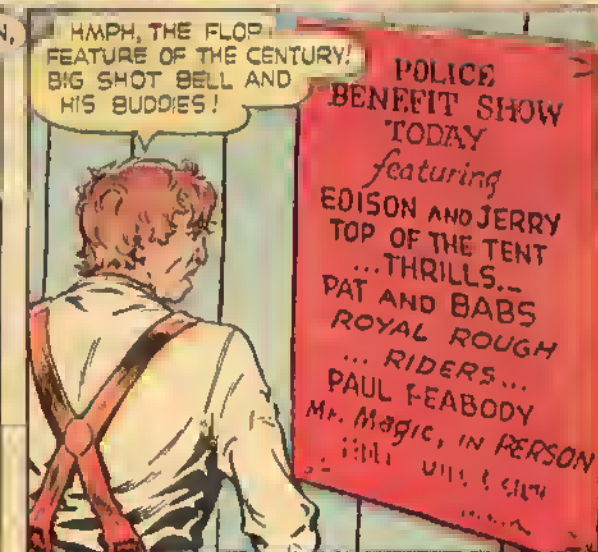
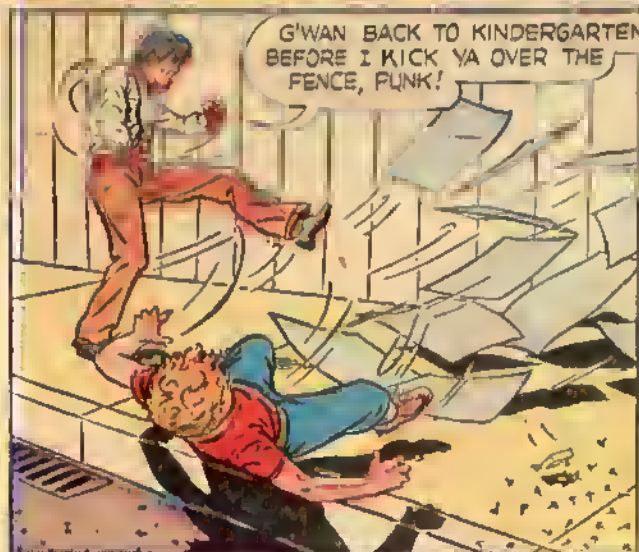
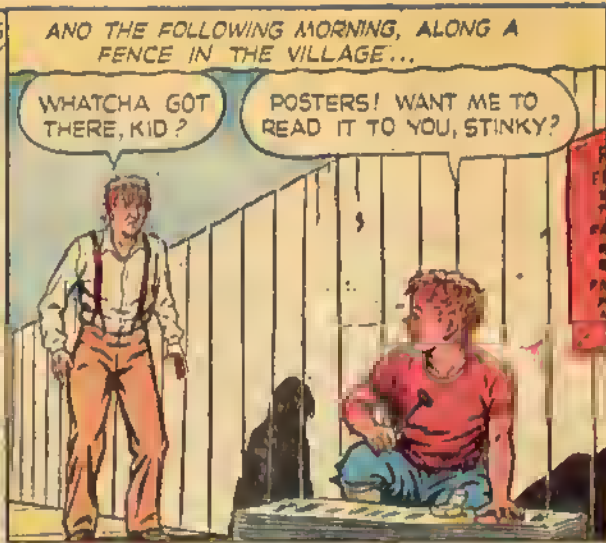
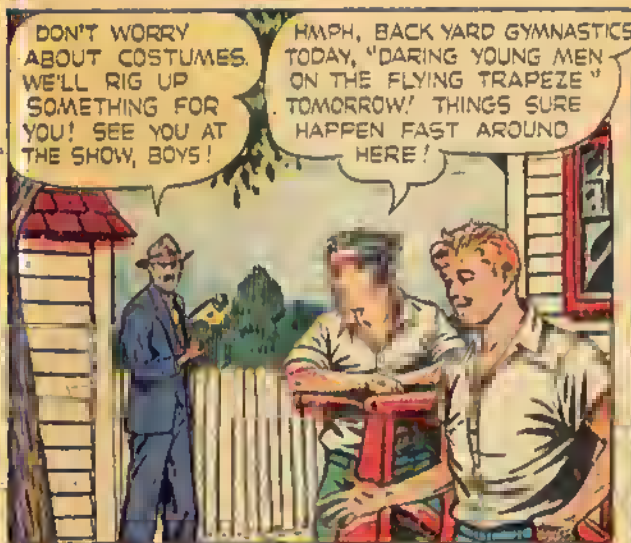
Yours truly,
Thomas Caradonna
Brooklyn 6, New York

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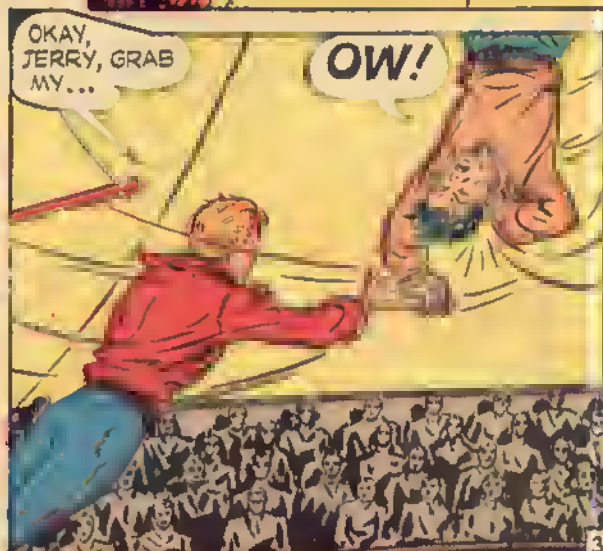
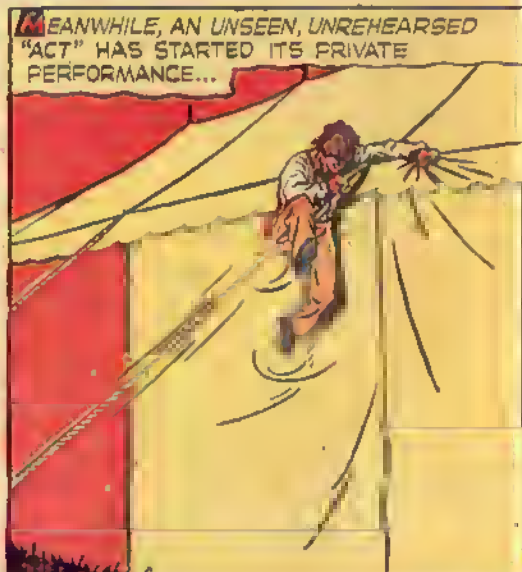
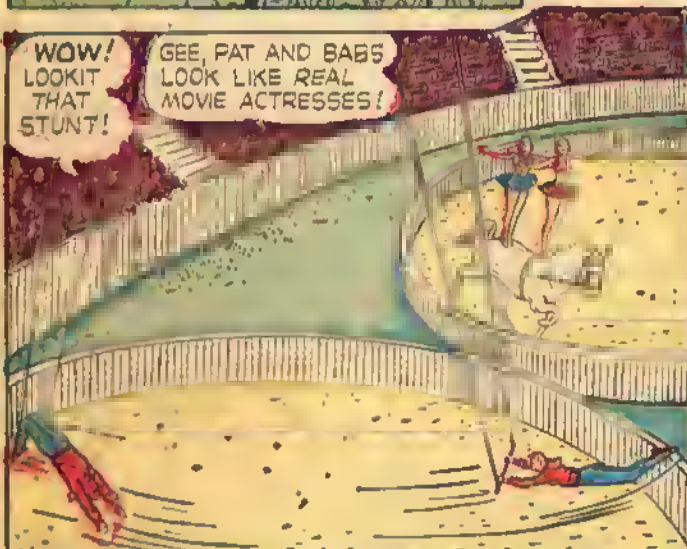
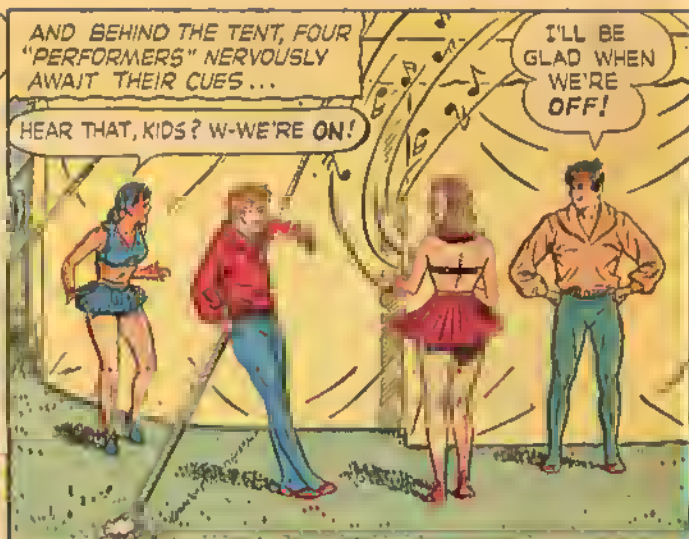


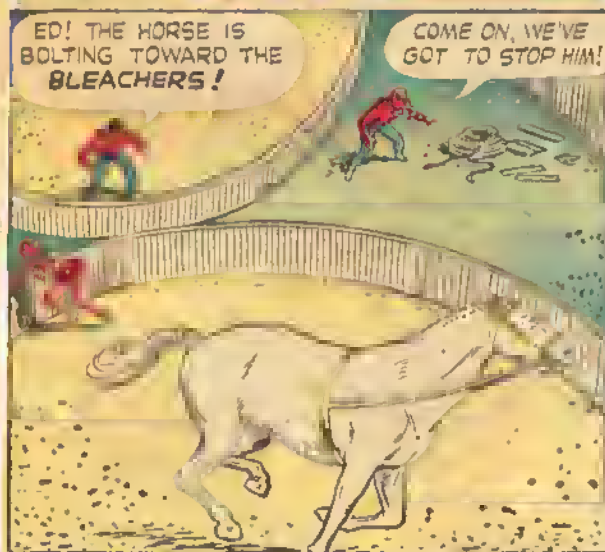
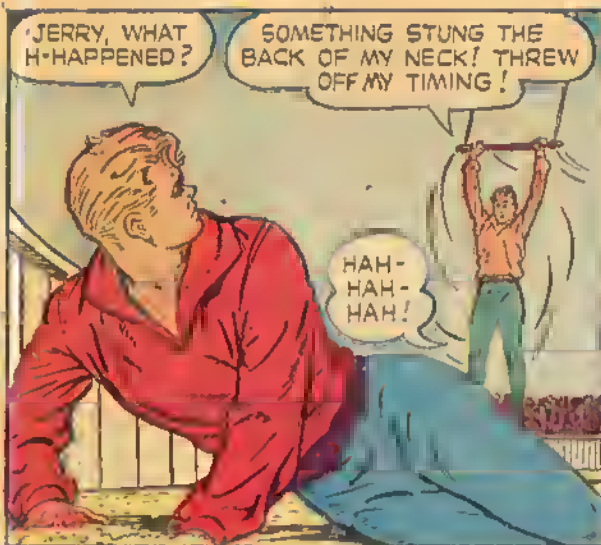
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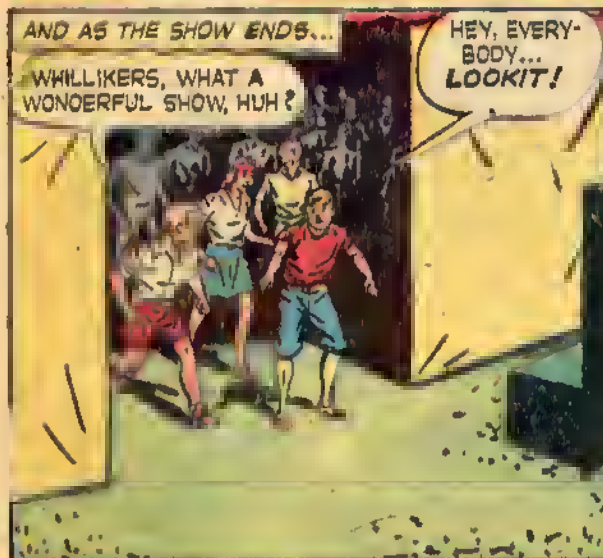
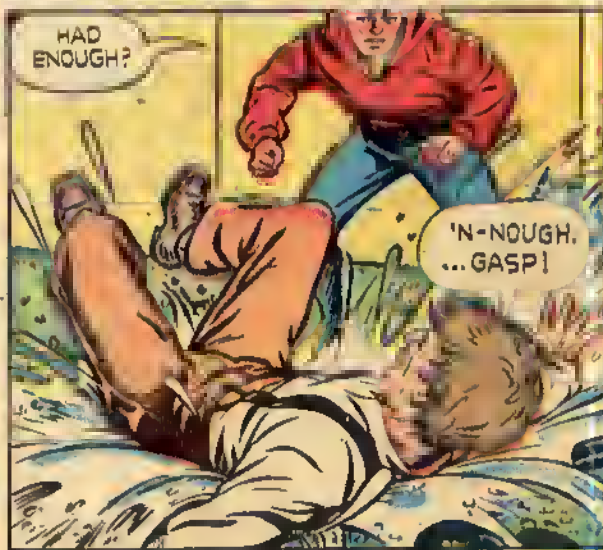
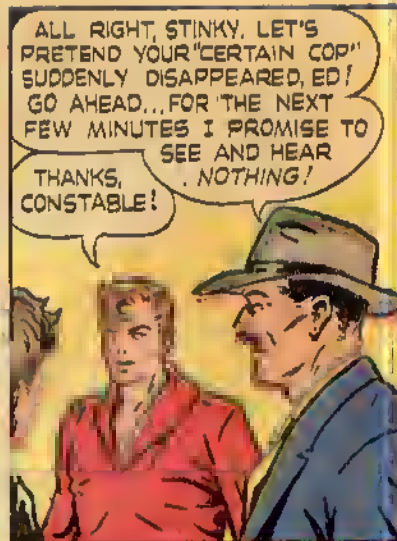
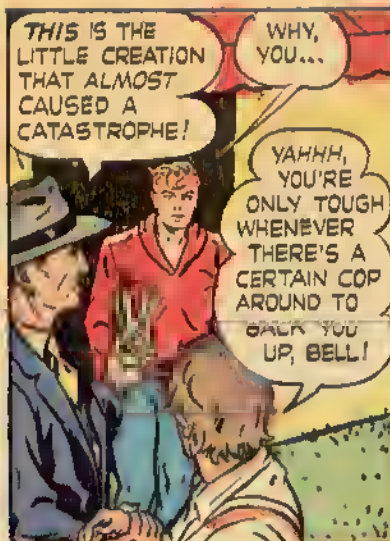




Q 5 What man, later President of the U.S., led the Rough Riders in the Battle of San Juan?







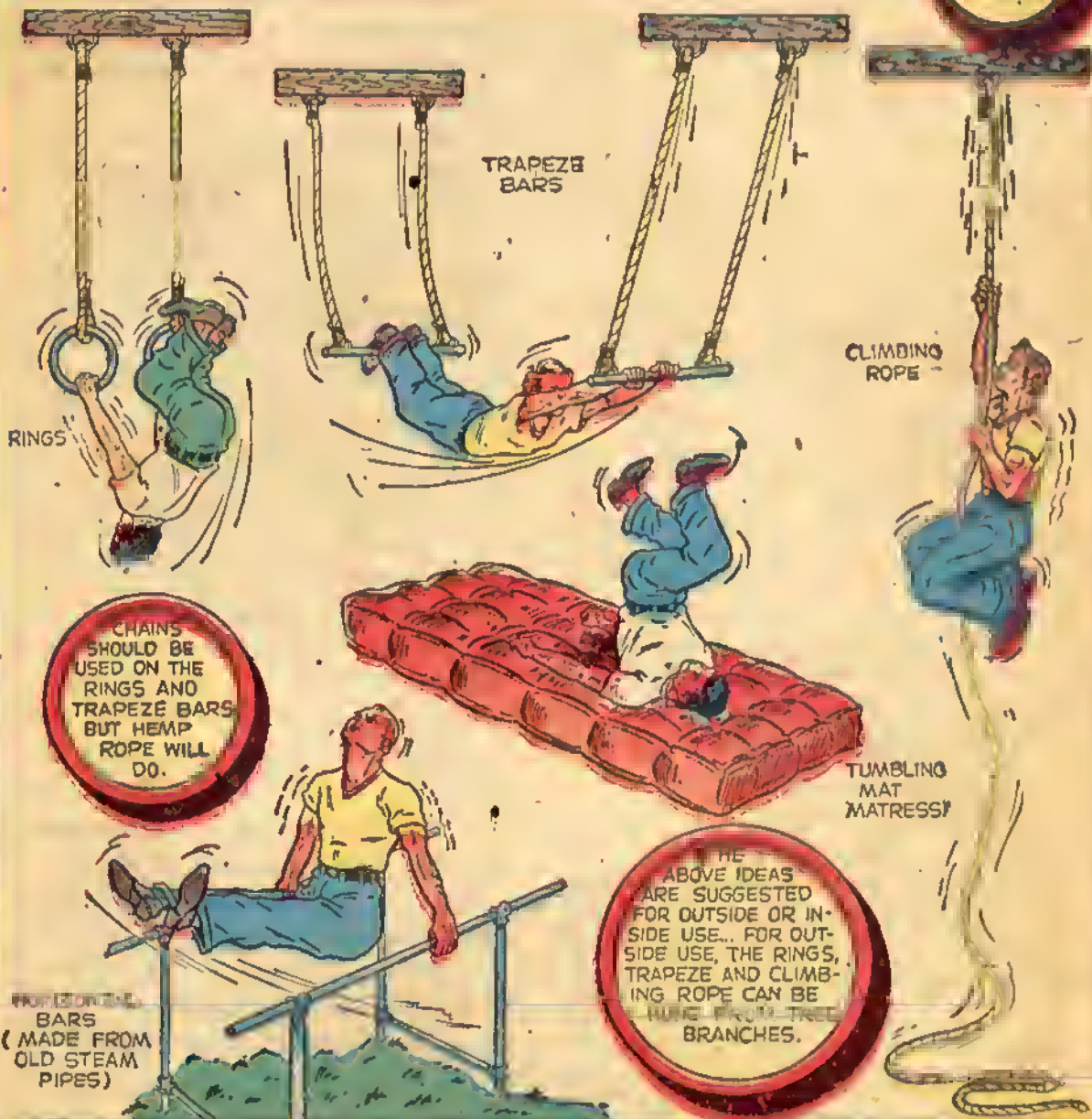
BUILD A SWELL BACK YARD

GYMNASIUM

FROM ODDS AND ENDS IN YOUR CELLAR OR ATTIC

USE YOUR OWN JUDGMENT AS TO THE SIZE OF THE EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE STRAIN USUALLY APPLIED TO THESE APPARATUS, THE STRONGEST MATERIAL AVAILABLE SHOULD BE USED. HERE ARE A FEW MUSCLE BUILDERS YOU CAN MAKE...

BY
HARRY
LAZARUS



RINGS

TRAPEZE
BARS

CLIMBING
ROPE

CHAINS
SHOULD BE
USED ON THE
RINGS AND
TRAPEZE BARS
BUT HEMP
ROPE WILL
DO.

TUMBLING
MAT
MATTRESS

THE
ABOVE IDEAS
ARE SUGGESTED
FOR OUTSIDE OR IN-
SIDE USE... FOR OUT-
SIDE USE, THE RINGS,
TRAPEZE AND CLIMB-
ING ROPE CAN BE
HUNG FROM TREE
BRANCHES.

HORIZONTAL
BARS
(MADE FROM
OLD STEAM
PIPES)

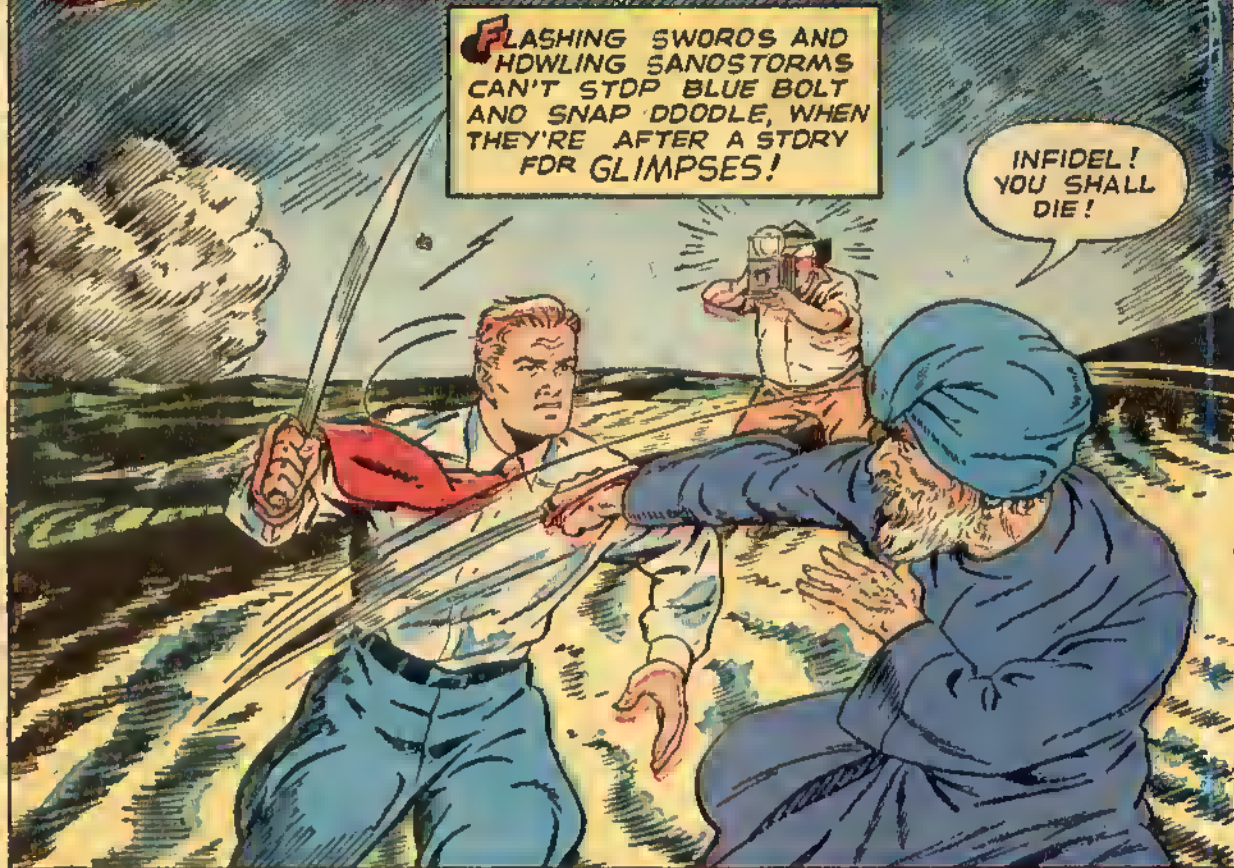
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THE AMERICAN

FLASHING SWORDS AND HOWLING SANDSTORMS CAN'T STOP BLUE BOLT AND SNAP OODLE, WHEN THEY'RE AFTER A STORY FOR GLIMPSES!

INFIDEL! YOU SHALL DIE!



MARGE HESSLIN AND FLASH PANN, PILOT-PHOTOGRAPHER TEAM FOR ORBIT MAGAZINE, SNAP KING BLAGA OF TABUZ, GETTING HIS WEIGHT IN DIAMONDS FROM LOYAL SUBJECTS. BUT WHERE ARE BLUE BOLT AND SNAP OODLE, THE GLIMPSES MAGAZINE TEAM



I'M SO HAPPY, FLASH! AT LEAST WE HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE-- AND AFTER ALL THE BRAGGING SNAP DID BACK IN BOMBAY ABOUT SCOOPING US!



BLUE BOLT IS FOULED UP IN RED TAPE
BECAUSE I HID HIS
DIPLOMATIC PAPERS... BUT
I BETTER NOT TELL
MARGE THAT!

*The GLIMPSES PLANE FINALLY LANDS... AS THE
COLORFUL CEREMONY ENDS...*

THEY WOULDN'T LET
US GO TILL WE FOUND
OUR PASSPORTS!

QUICK! WHERE'S
KING BLAGA!

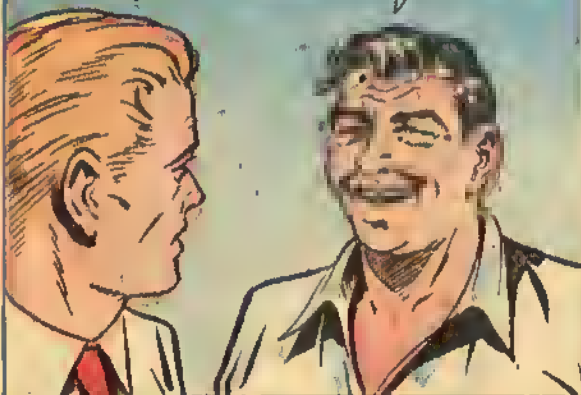
HAW!
HAW!



THE SHOW'S OVER, CHUMPS!
BLAGA IS IN HIS TENT...
AND HE DOESN'T WANT
TO BE DISTURBED!

MY! MY! DON'T
TELL ME A MERE
WOMAN HAS
SCOOPED YDU
TWO BIG STRONG
MEN!

I BET FLASH HIO
OUR PAPERS, BUT
NO USE GRIPING!
THE DAMAGE IS
DONE!



MEANWHILE A
STARTLING
EVENT TAKES
PLACE IN KING
BLAGA'S TENT.

FOR SHAME, WALI! YDU,
MY PRIME MINISTER, MEAN
TO STEAL THE DIAMONDS!

GUARDS!
SEIZE THIS
TREACHEROUS
DOG!

YES, O FAT ONE!
I CAN SELL THEM FOR
TWO MILLION DOLLARS!





I HAVE PLANNED WELL!
MOST OF THE GUARDS
ARE MY ALLIES!



QUICKLY! OVERWHELM
THEM! NO ALARM
MUST BE SOUNDED!



SOON...
ALL ARE
SLAIN!

GOOD! GET THE
DIAMONDS! WE WILL BE
FAR AWAY BEFORE THIS
DEED IS DISCOVERED!

HOURS LATER, KING BLAGA IS DISCOVERED,
UNCONSCIOUS. IT IS TWO DAYS BEFORE HE IS ABLE
TO TELL HIS
STORY!

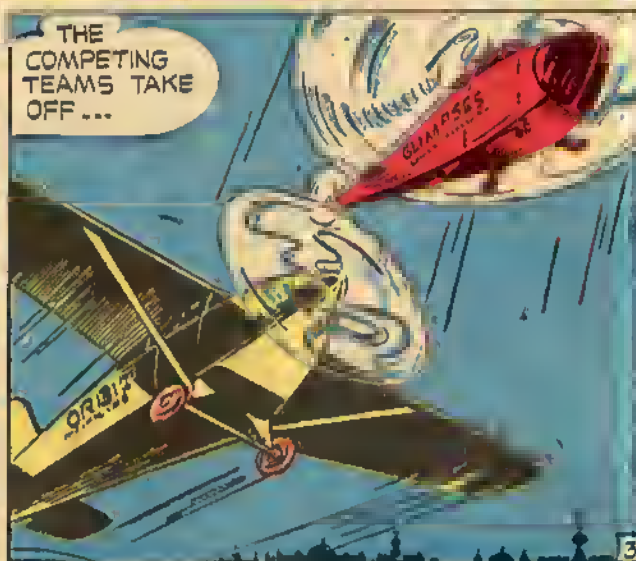


UNLUCKILY, WALI IS BEYOND OUR
REACH! I HEARD HIM SAY HE
WOULD CROSS THE GREAT DESERT
TO TAKE REFUGE IN KUNMAH!

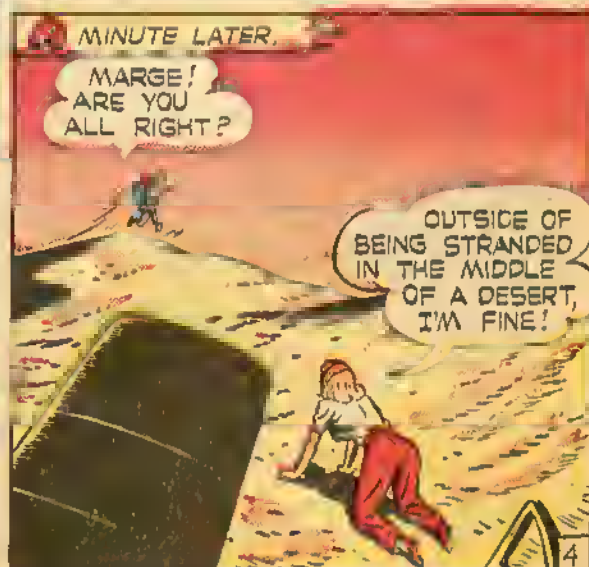
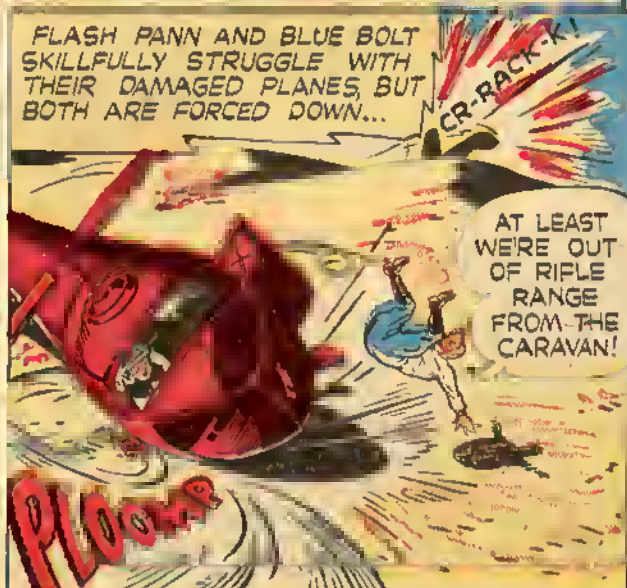
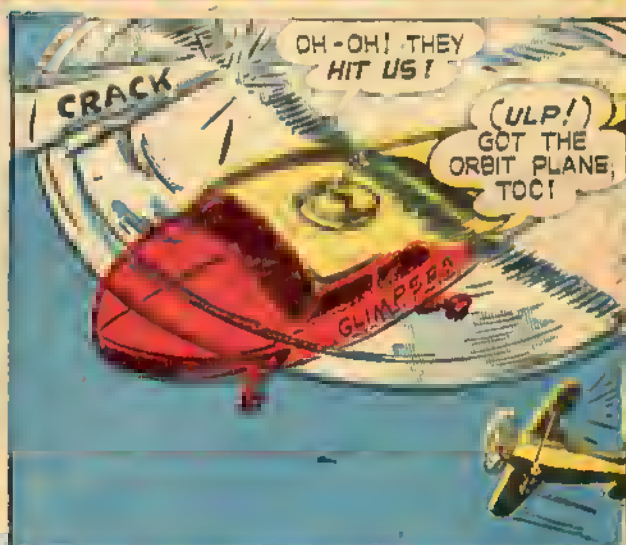
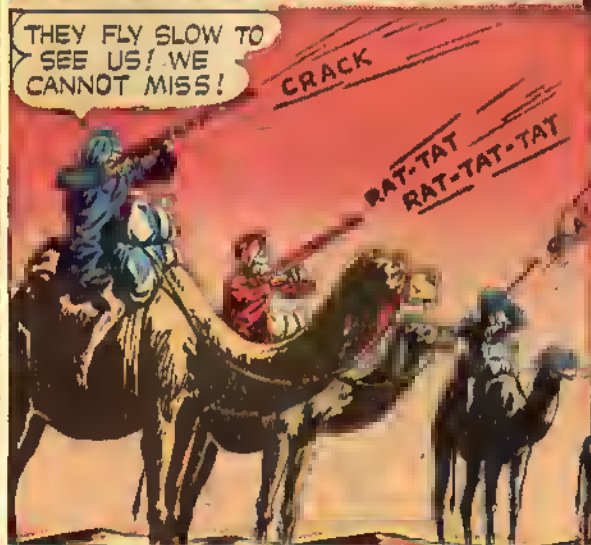
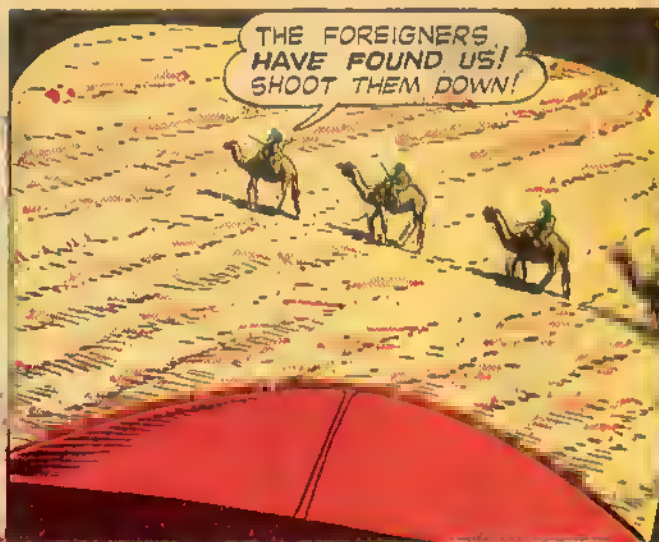
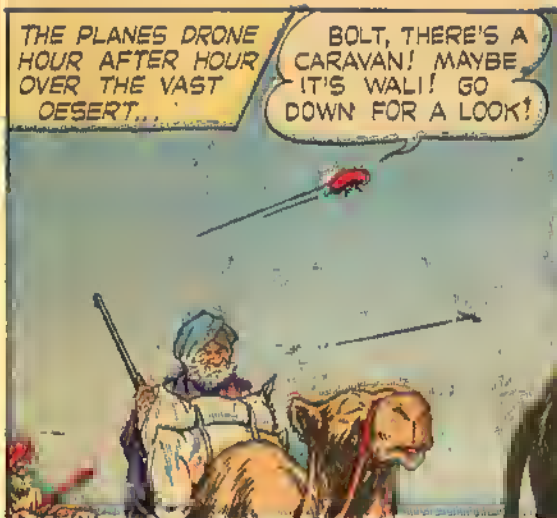


YIPPEE! IN OUR PLANE
WE CAN CATCH UP IN A
COUPLE OF HOURS AND
GET SOME PIX!

DON'T GET
EXCITED, BOYS!
WE'LL BE RIGHT
BESIDE YOU!



THE
COMPETING
TEAMS TAKE
OFF...



THE PLANES ARE USELESS,
AND WE HAVE NO
FOOD OR WATER!
IT'S GOING TO BE
A LONG, TOUGH HIKE
BACK TO TABUZ!



WE'D NEVER MAKE IT!
OUR ONE SLIM CHANCE IS
TO TAIL THE CARAVAN, AND
WAIT FOR A CHANCE TO
TAKE IT OVER!



YOU MUST BE
CRAZY! IT'S SUICIDE
TO TANGLE WITH
THOSE CUTTHROATS!



LOOKS LIKE A SANDSTORM
BLOWING UP! STICKING TO
THE CARAVAN IS OUR
ONLY CHANCE!

BOLONEY!
MARGE AND I
ARE GOING BACK
TO TABUZ!



SO LONG,
CHUMPS!

DO BE
CAREFUL,
BLUE BOLT!



MARGE AND FLASH FLOD FOR MILES OVER THE
HOT SANDS. SUDDENLY...

FLASH! THE
SANDSTORM!

UGH! I CAN
HARDLY BREATHE!

CAN'T SEE
OUR WAY!
WE'LL HAVE TO
SIT IT OUT!



ALI AND HIS MEN PITCH CAMP
BEFORE THE HURRICANE OF SAND
STRIKES THEM...

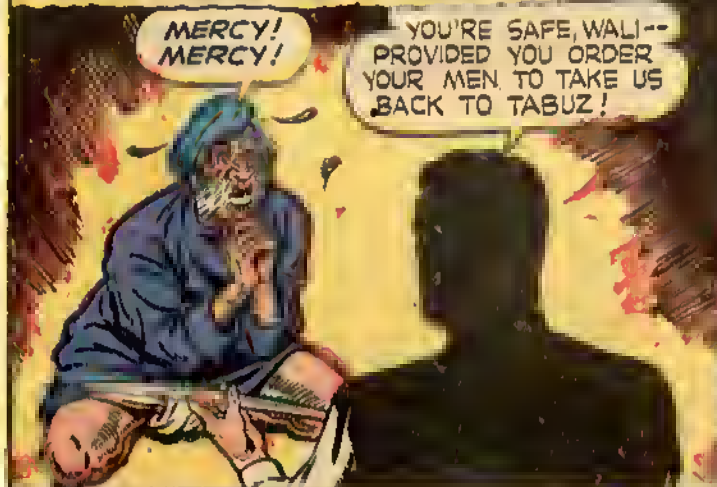
THAT'S A BREAK! WE
CAN SNEAK RIGHT UP!
THEY WON'T SEE
US IN THIS STORM!

CAN'T SEE
A THING
MYSELF!
SAND IN
MY EYES!





THE HOWLING STORM DROWNS OUT THE CLANG OF STEEL AGAINST STEEL, AND WHEN THE FIERCE DUEL IS OVER...

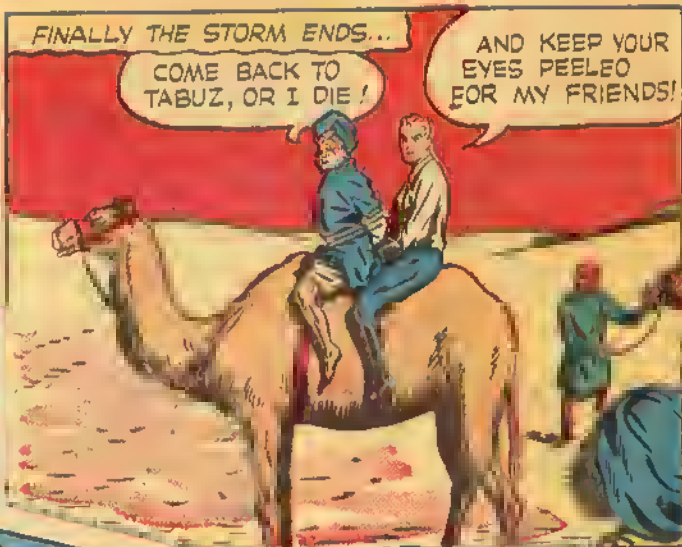




THE STORM SHRIEKS ON FOR MANY HOURS...

I GOT SOME GREAT PIX!

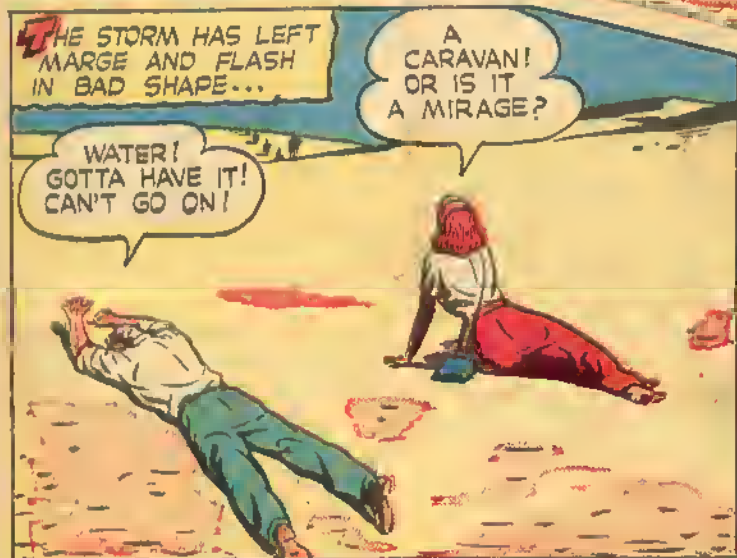
HOPE MARGE IS ALL RIGHT!



FINALLY THE STORM ENDS...

COME BACK TO TABUZ, OR I DIE!

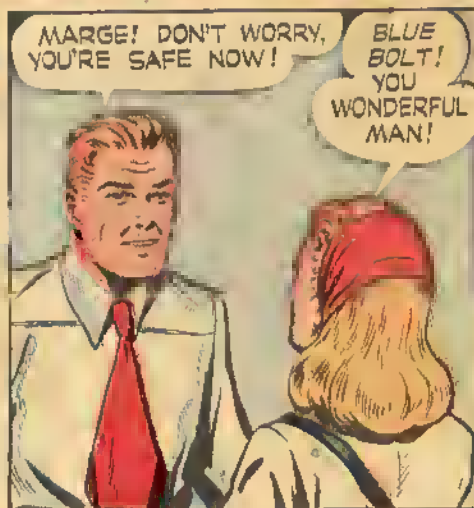
AND KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR MY FRIENDS!



THE STORM HAS LEFT MARGE AND FLASH IN BAD SHAPE...

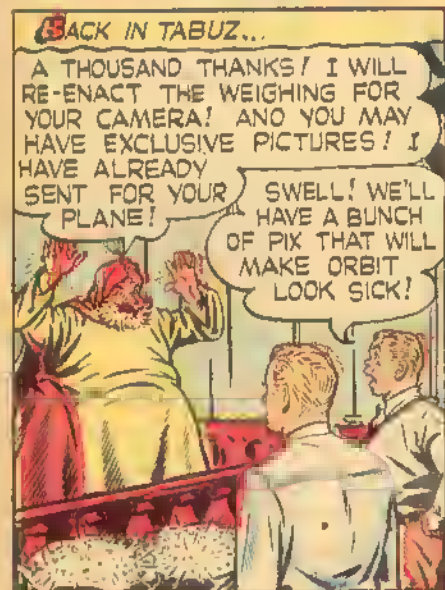
A CARAVAN! OR IS IT A MIRAGE?

WATER! GOTTA HAVE IT! CAN'T GO ON!



MARGE! DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE SAFE NOW!

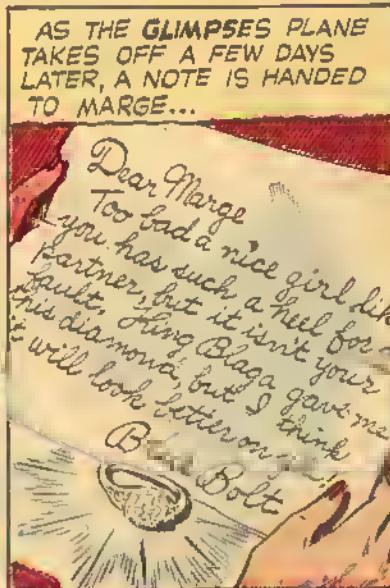
BLUE BOLT! YOU WONDERFUL MAN!



BACK IN TABUZ...

A THOUSAND THANKS! I WILL RE-ENACT THE WEIGHING FOR YOUR CAMERA! AND YOU MAY HAVE EXCLUSIVE PICTURES! I HAVE ALREADY SENT FOR YOUR PLANE!

SWELL! WE'LL HAVE A BUNCH OF PIX THAT WILL MAKE ORBIT LOOK SICK!



AS THE GLIMPSES PLANE TAKES OFF A FEW DAYS LATER, A NOTE IS HANDED TO MARGE...

Dear Marge
Too bad a nice girl like you has such a heel for a partner, but it isn't your fault. King Blaga gave me this diamond, but I think it will look better on you.
Blue Bolt

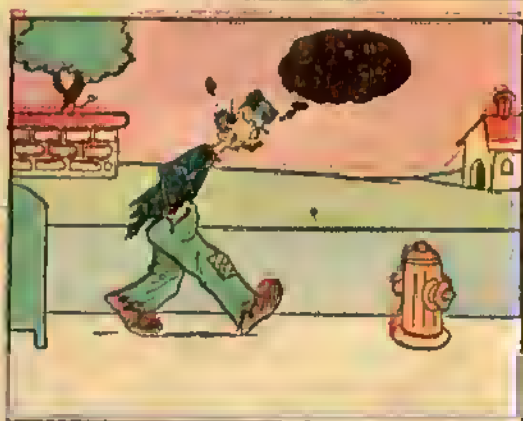
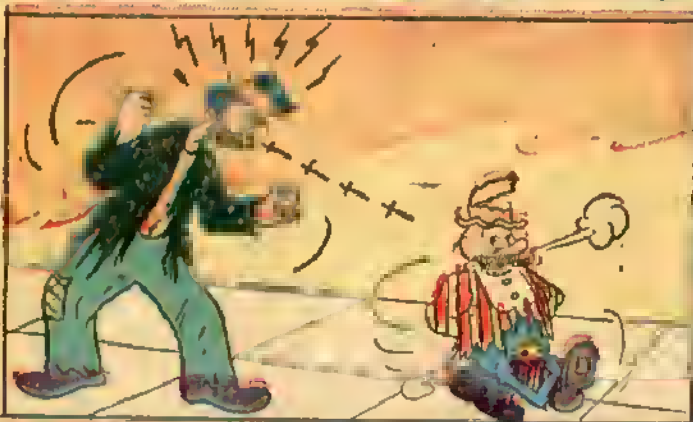


HAPPY LANDINGS, BLUE BOLT! (SIGH) HOPE I'LL BE SEEING YOU SOON!

HEATHCLIFF

THE HOBO

BY ART HELFANT



BLUE BOLT

